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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Contribution by District Boards to Education Department.

READ—

Government Order No. 3005-55—Ml. 132-16-1, dated the 16th November 1916, passing orders on the scheme for the development of Local Self-Government in Mysore and conveying approval to the assignment of revenue from Local Funds General and Mohatarfa to Local Boards.

2. Government Order No. 6544-7—L. B. 108-16-1, dated the 10th April 1917, ordering that 67% of the cess on Excise, Forest and other heads of revenue be credited to District Funds.

3. Government Order No. 10245-62—L. R. 453-16-1, dated the 10—19th April 1917, ordering that the income from Mohatarfa be credited to District Funds from the year 1917-18 until further orders.

4. Paragraph 61 of Government Order No. 11180-250—Edn. 498-20-1, dated the 25th May 1921, directing the resumption from the District Boards of the additional resources assigned to them in the Government Orders read above to enable Government to provide funds for the additional expenditure required for giving effect to the orders on the Education Memorandum.

ORDER No. E/6311-21—EDN. 459-22-1, DATED 30TH MAY 1923.

The items of revenue which constituted the "Local Fund General" viz. sixty-seven per cent of the local cess on Excise and Forest revenue and also the annual revenue under "Mohatarfa" were assigned to the District Boards with effect from the 1st July 1917.

with a view to enable those bodies to undertake larger responsibilities and to widen the sphere of their activities under the revised scheme of Local Self-Government sanctioned in November 1916. Accumulated balances at the credit of the fund amounting to Rs. 5,33,945 were also transferred to the District Boards at the same time. As, however, no additional responsibilities were undertaken by these Boards, the accumulated balances thus transferred remained unutilised to a large extent and the income from the newly assigned items of revenue contributed to swell the balances at the credit of the District Boards. In these circumstances the Government in passing orders on the Education Memorandum in May 1921, directed that the additional sources of revenue assigned to the District Boards in 1917 as well as the accumulated balances transferred at the time might be resumed from them in order to meet the additional cost of the reforms sanctioned in that order.

2. The District Boards have, however, represented that the resumption of the revenue from Mohatarfa and 67% of local cess on Excise and Forest revenue would seriously cripple their resources. The financial condition of the District Boards has accordingly been carefully examined with reference to their present standard of expenditure and it has been found that there is considerable force in the representation of the Boards as these bodies have, during the past few years, largely increased their recurring expenditure on the strength of the additional resources transferred to them in 1917. It is clear that the resumption of the assigned sources of revenue will seriously affect the financial position of the Boards and Government are pleased to cancel the order of resumption of these sources of revenue.

3. In view, however, of the fact that the accumulated balance of Local Fund-General and Mohatarfa transferred to the District Boards in 1917 has, to a large extent, remained unutilised in most of the districts, Government consider that a proportion of the amount thus transferred may without causing embarrassment to the district Boards, be utilised for non-recurring expenditure on education in the districts, mainly on school buildings as contemplated in the orders on the Education Memorandum. Government accordingly direct that provision should be made in the District Board budgets for 1923-24 for a contribution to the Education Department for the above purpose to the extent of 50 per cent of the accumulated balances transferred to them in 1917. The amount to be thus provided is shown in the accompanying statement. The Inspector-General of Education is requested to draw up in consultation with each District Board a suitable programme for the utilisation of the funds to be placed at his disposal for the construction of school buildings and other items as set forth above. These amounts will be shown in the budgets of the District Boards as contribution to the Education Department for buildings and equipment for schools and in the Education Department budget as a receipt in deduction of expenditure.

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STATEMENT showing the amount of accumulated balances transferred to District Boards in 1917 and the amount which may be resumed in 1923-24.

No.	District	50% of accumulated balances transferred in 1917	Amount which may be resumed	Remarks
1	Bangalore	84,850	30,000	
2	Kolar	27,970	10,000	This District Board has now a minus balance.
3	Tumkur	33,500	30,000	
4	Mysore	53,200	50,000	
5	Hassan	29,400	25,000	
6	Shimoga	35,000	30,000	
7	Kadur	20,000	15,000	
8	Chitaldrug	22,400	20,000	
Total		2,65,820	2,00,000	